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Two deserving winners of the  
“Certificate of Achievement” award  
which was presented to each of them  
at the 2004 LFMA Conference.

This award is in recognition of  
outstanding efforts in the  
field of Floodplain Management  
in the State of Louisiana.

The *first* National Flood Insurance Policy (NFIP)  
was purchased in 1969 to insure a building in  
Louisiana

# Problems with “Flood Zone Determinations”?

At the recent annual LFMA Conference there was a representative from *First American Flood Data Services* who offered his assistance should any community experience a questionable assigning of a “zone” to a bank/homeowner.

For assistance you may contact:  
Mr. Jeffrey S. Turner  
Compliance Manager  
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## MANSFIELD

is famous for the  
LOUISIANA BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL



2004  
HURRICANE  
SEASON  
NAMES

ALEX	HERMINE	OTTO
BONNIE	IVAN	PAULA
CHARLEY	JEANNE	RICHARD
DANIELLE	KARL	SHARY
EARL	LISA	TOMAS
FRANCES	MATTHEW	VIRGINIE
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## **DEFICIENCIES FOUND IN LOCAL NFIP COMMUNITIES**

As Floodplain Coordinators we have a responsibility to the communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program to encourage, teach and regulate all aspects of the Program.

In many of the Community Assistance Visits (CAVs) we have found misunderstanding, lack of knowledge, non-compliance, etc.

Some common deficiencies found are:

- “Zone” not noted on permits
- No record of permit or elevation certificate on file for “new development”
- Unpermitted new development occurring in the SFHA

- FEMA Elevation Certificates not completely filled out
- Lack of public education by means of fliers, pamphlets, etc.
- Flood Insurance Rate Maps not readily available for viewing

As Floodplain Coordinators we want our communities to know that our door is always open to suggestions, questions, problems relating to/about the National Flood Insurance Program. In the end, we are committed to providing a higher standard of understanding to all we come in contact with in reference to floodplain management.

### **“NEW Website”**

#### **FLOODSMART.GOV**

An official site of the National Flood Insurance Program

STEP 1: Learn the basics about floods and flood insurance

STEP 2: What's your flood risk? Find out now

STEP 3: Learn about NFIP in your community

STEP 4: Estimate your flood insurance premiums

STEP 5: Contact a flood insurance agent near you

**M**itigation is the cornerstone of emergency management.

It's the ongoing effort to lessen the impact disasters have on people's lives and property through damage prevention and flood insurance.

Through measures such as, building safely within the floodplain or removing homes altogether; . . . and creating and enforcing effective building codes to protect property from floods, hurricanes and other natural hazards, the impact on lives and communities is lessened.

[www.fema.gov/fima/](http://www.fema.gov/fima/)

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Suire, Jeannie

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Rapides Parish  
N.O. Corps of Engr.  
Aegis  
Owen & White  
Caddo Parish  
Prairieville  
SBA Network Services  
St. Charles Parish  
Calcasieu Parish  
AEGIS  
State Coordinator  
E.B.R. Parish  
Ascension Parish  
Tangipahoa Parish  
Calcasieu Parish

[This list is as of April, 2004.]

### NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM / COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (NFIP/CRS)

Saving: Lives... Property and...  
Money...

Pretty much, we all know  
what the National Flood Insurance  
Program is, but what, exactly is the  
CRS?

The CRS is a Program  
communities join and go beyond the  
minimum standards for floodplain  
management. The NFIP's CRS  
Program can provide discounts up  
to 45% off flood insurance premiums  
for policyholders in a member  
community.

When your community  
participates in the CRS, you benefit.  
Even if you don't live or own  
property in a floodplain,

your community's public information  
and floodplain management efforts  
can improve your quality of life,  
make you safer, and save you  
money.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE *CRS*  
PROGRAM??

LOOKING TO SAVE THE CITIZENS  
IN YOUR COMMUNITY MONEY ON  
THEIR FLOOD INSURANCE??

If so, there are a few pre-requisites  
that have to be met.

FIRST, some preliminary  
information is required, such as...

Number of repetitive loss structures  
in your community

Dam Safety information

Growth adjustment for your  
community and

Building Codes.

(This information is obtained from  
Mr. Phil Anderson, CRS Specialist,  
at ISO)

SECOND, complete a CRS  
Application and submit to Mr. Phil  
Anderson to verify that the  
community has at least 500 points.  
This is the minimum to be eligible for  
a Class 9.

THIRD, a satisfactory Community  
Assessment Visit (CAV) is required  
by FEMA.

If you would like to join CRS or just  
inquire about the Program, please  
call: Pam Miller @

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***"Elevation is the Salvation from Inundation"***

Windell Curole  
South Lafourche Levee District

**THOU  
SHALT  
NOT  
DEVELOP  
BELOW  
THE  
BASE  
FLOOD  
ELEVATION**

**IN "A" ZONES**

Areas below the base flood elevation can only be used for *parking of vehicles, building access or limited storage.*

Areas below the base flood elevation must be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwater. Design for meeting this requirement must be certified or meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:

"A minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding and must be no higher than one foot above grade. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of flood water. For openings that do not meet all four requirements for non-engineered openings mentioned above, certification by a registered professional engineer or architect is required. "

**NOTE:**

Garage doors can not be used to comply with this requirement.

*Happy 4th Of July*

